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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I'm glad I have a chance, as a citizen, to weigh in with my comments while the federal Microsoft lawsuit settlement is being considered. I urge you strongly to accept the settlement.

The seemingly endless lawsuit now has a chance to come to a close. Microsoft is so eager to get this behind them that the settlement even encompasses matters never addressed in the original litigation. Among the tough provisions are requirements that Microsoft reveal internal Windows' operating system interfaces to its competitors and give up its intellectual property rights to competitors in certain cases.

It's time to end this sad story of government harassment and accept the settlement. I'm hopeful you will realize this in the public interest.

Sincerely,



Virginia Mallard